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OPENING OF THE DOMINION HOUSE

EARL GREY READS
SPEECH FROM THRONE

No Reference Made to Tariff Revision—
Parliament Likely to Be Summoned
in Fall.

(Special to the Times)

Ottawa, March 8.—The second session of the tenth parliament of the Dominion of Canada was opened to-day by Lord Grey. There was a large attendance inside and outside the parliament buildings, and interest in the function was as great as in past years. The fact that the opening was some two months later than last year did not in any way detract from the enthusiasm of the occasion.

As is always the case, the escort which accompanied the viceregal carriage from government House to the parliament buildings was supplied by the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, and the guard of honor which received His Excellency at the main entrance to the House of Commons was from the Governor-General's foot guards. The usual salute was fired from Napoleon point as Lord Grey proceeded to the senate and delivered the following speech from the throne:

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate; Gentlemen of the House of Commons: In again summoning you to meet for the dispatch of business I am glad to be able to congratulate you on the prosperity prevailing throughout the Dominion.

The severe bereavement which Queen Alexandra has sustained through the death of her father, the King of Denmark, has occasioned much sorrow throughout the empire, and I am satisfied that the warm sympathy of the people of Canada will be readily extended to Her Majesty.

It afforded me much pleasure as the representative of His Majesty to take part in the inauguration of the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan as constituent members of the confederation. The universal rejoicing on the assumption of provincial autonomy everywhere visible was gratifying to witness, and I venture to say that in no part of the world could a more contented population be found. The universal sentiment was one of abounding confidence in the future.

The bountiful harvest with which we have been blessed in the past season, together with the continued development of our industries and transportation facilities, have so stimulated business in all parts of Canada, and have given such impetus to our exports and imports that the trade both with the United Kingdom and foreign countries for the current fiscal year gives promise of being the largest on record.

The flow of immigrants seeking homes in the three prairie provinces still continues, and from the present outlook the number will be in excess of any previous year, and it is gratifying to note the increasing proportion from the British Isles.

A treaty on behalf of Canada has now been concluded between the United Kingdom and Japan, which it is confidently hoped will largely increase our trade with the people of that progressive empire. When the formal document of Canada will be received they will be laid before you.

The rapid destruction of our forest now going on, unless the operations of the lumbermen be prudently regulated in the future and a system of reforestation adopted, result in grave consequences affecting the uniform flow of our rivers and limiting our valuable water power to a few months in the year. A bill will be presented for your consideration empowering the government to set apart forest reserves on lands under its control.

In accordance with the offer made by my ministers to the government of the United Kingdom, the imperial treasury has now been relieved from the control of the Bank of England, and arrangements are in progress for taking over the defence of Esquimaux, and hereafter detachments from the permanent force of Canada will have charge of both these important stations.

You will be invited to consider the propriety of making such changes in the fiscal year as will bring it more into harmony with the active business season.

The result of the investigation into the administration of leading life insurance companies in the neighboring Republic has naturally created some uneasiness in the public mind as to the condition of Canadian companies. A commission has therefore been instructed to inquire into and report on the management and financial standing not only of companies holding Canadian charters, but also of all companies doing business under license in Canada.

Satisfactory progress is being made in the exploration and surveys of the eastern division of the national transcontinental railway and it is expected that construction of the two important sections, embracing together about 400 miles, will shortly be commenced.

The interim report of the Canadian section of the international railway commission will be laid before you. The work of the joint commission has been somewhat delayed owing to a doubt as to the jurisdiction of the American senate. The great development of commerce on the waters dividing the two countries and the opportunity for the generating of electric power at many points necessarily in-

volve questions which can only be dealt with by international arrangement or by treaty. At Niagara the commission will have to consider how best to preserve the scenic effect of the falls, while not unduly restricting the use of the flow of Niagara river so valuable for power purposes. A report has been received from the transportation commission containing several important recommendations. The document will be laid before you.

The legal experts appointed to revise, classify and consolidate the public general statutes issued since the revision in 1886, have completed their task and it is expected that the volumes will be ready for distribution before July.

A measure for the better observance of the Lord's day will be submitted for your consideration.

You will be invited to consider among other subjects bills amending the Railway Act, an act respecting usury and also the Dominion Elections Act.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The accounts of the past year will be laid before you. The estimates for the nine months, embracing a portion of the proposed fiscal year, terminating on the 31st of March, 1907, will be submitted for your approval at an early date.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate; Gentlemen of the House of Commons: I invite your earnest attention to the several subjects I have mentioned and to the general business that will come before you and I trust your deliberations will be guided by wisdom and moderation.

May Meet in Fall.

Ottawa, March 8.—The great surprise in the speech from the throne is that no reference is made to tariff revision. Until to-day the general opinion was that there was to be a tariff session. If that were to be the case, notice would be made of it in the speech. The talk is that there will be no tariff revision this session, but that it has been put off until fall, when parliament will be summoned to deal with it. Nothing official can be obtained on this point. The likelihood, however, is that an effort will be made to have a short session just now and to meet soon again.

There is no doubt the unfortunate accident to the finance minister would make the budget somewhat late. If tariff were taken up at the approaching session and there would be no revision, that would suffer by postponing revision for a few months longer, indeed the general opinion is that the tariff is working well.

INVESTIGATING INSURANCE AFFAIRS

FIRST MEETING OF
THE COMMISSION

Judge McTavish Referred to the Wide
Scope of Inquiry—New Senators
Appointed.

(Special to the Times)

Ottawa, March 7.—The first meeting of the insurance commission was held in the court house here yesterday. Judge McTavish, with Commissioners Landmuir and Kent were present. Secretary Ross read the order-in-council appointing the commission and Judge McTavish made a statement pointing to the wide scope of the inquiry. The commissioners appreciated the importance of the inquiry and the responsibility of their positions. The inquiry was unique as the judge did not know any one in recent years in which so many people had direct and personal interests. Counsel was to be retained and the commission would welcome the assistance of counsel on behalf of any interest represented. The secretary had secured an office in Ottawa and would receive any communication addressed to him here. The commission was wanted a full inquiry with as much dispatch as possible. The first business session would be held at Ottawa on March 14th, and the first work would be to inquire into the laws relating to life insurance and how observed.

Entertained at Capital.

Joseph Martin was entertained Tuesday evening by a few of those who were his pupils in the old Creighton school, Ottawa, between 1876 and 1877.

New Senators.

At yesterday's cabinet meeting four new senators were appointed. They are Robert Jaffray, president of the Toronto Globe, which fills all the vacancies in Ontario; Dr. Douglas, ex-M. P. of East Assiniboia, Sask.; Dr. Devoe, of Lethbridge, a member of the Alberta government without portfolio; Peter Talbot, M. P. Strathcona; and Dr. Philip Ross, of Edmonton. This gives the necessary number of senators to the new provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, which is four for each.

There are still five vacancies remaining, one for British Columbia, two for New Brunswick and two for Nova Scotia. The vacancies in the Maritime Provinces will not be filled for some time, and the one for British Columbia will very likely be filled at an early date.

BOATS MISSING

(Small paragraph)

Honolulu, March 8.—A heavy gale prevailed last night, and fears are felt for a number of Japanese fishing boats which were unable to make shore. One has been seen out in the ocean turned bottom-side up and two others are missing.

ORDER IN COUNCIL CONTRARY TO LAW

Minority of Kaien Island Committee Find That
Government Wrongly Advised Governor and
Dealt With Band of Adventurers.

The minority report of the Kaien Island investigating committee which the government refused to admit at yesterday's sittings of the House, even as an appendix to the "whitewash" report of the three government members is an able resume of the evidence as submitted and the fairness of the findings will be conceded by all who have followed the proceedings. The report is full and will be published to-morrow.

1. That the Provincial reserve, dated 12th October, 1891, did not extend to Kaien Island and was not intended so to do.

2. That the applications under the land laws of the province, under the South African War Grant Act, and under the Mineral Act were not considered by the government on their merits; but that the same were rejected under the subterfuge of applying the reserve of 1891 to said lands contrary to the purpose and intention of the order-in-council creating the same.

3. That the government did not deal directly with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, but on the contrary with a band of adventurers (male and female) who applied for the said lands for purely speculative purposes, to the knowledge of the government.

4. That the government had no communication, either verbal or written, with any representative of the Grand Trunk Pacific prior to the passing of the order-in-council of May, 1904, and that the telegram of the 29th of April, was a mere note in the game to enable the

speculators to contend that they could carry out their original intention of procuring the establishment of the Grand Trunk Pacific terminus on these lands, and to give the government a pretence, a very specious one at that, that they had heard in an indirect way, if not in a direct way, from the Grand Trunk Pacific Company.

5. That by the order-in-council of May, 1904, the government placed in the hands of Messrs. Anderson and Larsen one of the most valuable public assets in the province for barter with the Grand Trunk Pacific. And that Anderson, shortly after the passing of the order-in-council, proceeded to Montreal where he succeeded in getting an agreement from the Grand Trunk Pacific to pay himself and Larsen \$40,000 for the concession which they had obtained from the government by said order-in-council.

6. That no satisfactory evidence was offered before your committee showing the ultimate fate of this \$40,000 agreement.

7. We find that the government had no power to make this grant, either to Messrs. Anderson and Larsen or to the Grand Trunk Pacific without the assent of the legislature, and that the ministers wrongly advised His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and obtained the order-in-council contrary, both to the spirit and to the letter of the law.

8. That the government took no steps whatever to ascertain whether or not the grant in question was in the public interest. That the ministers had no knowledge upon which to pre-

pare the select committee with instructions to attach the following minority report as an appendix to the report.

Report followed.

The king's printer when taking the notices of motion on to be printed deliberately left this one behind on the clerk's table.

Members of the opposition noticing the fact that the notice of motion had not been taken by the king's printer, waited on him on two separate occasions last night and urged him to accept it. Col. Wolfenden was inexorable, however, and would not put it in the hands of the printers, declaring it "out of order."

The practice is a most unusual one, members being at liberty to serve notices of motion unchallenged until they are brought up in the House. The taking of exception to them as to whether in order or not is then discussed. It is evident therefore that the consequences of this appearing even as a notice of motion took occasion to adopt an irregular proceeding and gave instructions to kill every attempt to publish the report.

The unusual proceeding will give rise to a very heated debate in the House to-day it is expected. The findings which appear in another column and which are backed up in the minority report, which will appear on Friday, gives the reasons for the dread which the government has in this matter.

CHINESE COMMISSIONERS

Party Spending Day at Niagara Falls and Will Leave for New York To-night.

(Associated Press)

Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 8.—The second of the imperial commissions sent out by the Chinese Emperor to study conditions in the United States, arrived here to-day and will spend the day on sight-seeing and leave for New York to-night. Ywang King, Chinese vice-consul in San Francisco, in charge of the party, stated this morning that the report that the party had separated in St. Paul as a result of internal dissensions was untrue. The separation, he said, was planned by the police before the members of the party had left that city and the two sections will be re-united in New York to-morrow.

RIFLES AND AMMUNITION

Found in Quarters of Chinese Crew on The Steamer Manchuria.

San Francisco, March 8.—The examination to-day says: "Twenty-two modern rifles and 10,000 rounds of ammunition were seized in the quarters of the Chinese crew on the Pacific Mail S.S. Manchuria, scheduled to sail for the Orient this afternoon. The company's officials thereupon ordered, it is said, a thorough search of the vessel and this resulted in two more boxes of rifles being found in the room of one of the assistant engineers. The engineer and Chinese were questioned and it was found that the guns had been purchased in this city by the engineers and smuggled aboard the vessel. Nothing is known as to how long smuggling of this kind of goods has been going on or how many rifles have been sent in this way to China."

ced in deciding that question, and beyond making one or two modifications in Mr. Bodwell's original proposal were utterly reckless with the rights of the province.

8. That the provision to divide the foreshore into blocks of not less than 1,000 feet was a most unwelcome one and enables the Grand Trunk Pacific to divide the foreshore into large blocks, and after the government had selected its block or blocks to place its terminals and wharves in such a position as to render almost valueless that portion of the foreshore belonging to the government.

9. That by reason of the secrecy maintained by the government and Messrs. Larsen and Anderson, the said Larsen and Anderson and their immediate associates were enabled to obtain other lands, including North and South Porpoise Islands, contiguous to Kaien Island and the proposed railway line, to the extent of over 3,000 acres.

10. That James Anderson received from his partner Larsen in settlement of their interests in Kaien Island and other advantages in the immediate neighborhood the sum of \$10,000, besides salary and expenses. He also received one-sixteenth interest in North and South Porpoise Islands and in other lands contiguous to Kaien Island, located by him under South African War script. And also about five square miles of coal lands some distance down the coast.

All of which is respectfully submitted by the minority of your select committee.

CITY EXPENDITURE
TO BE DISCUSSED

BY ALDERMANIC BOARD
AT TO-NIGHT'S SESSION

Proposal to Appoint an Independent
Auditor is Also on the
Tapis.

At this evening's meeting of the city council the expenditure by-law for the current year will come up for a third reading, but it is not expected that there will be any serious opposition. The estimates have been before the council for the past month, and have been thoroughly scrutinized. In their original form they called for \$32,862, but this amount was pared down to \$24,950, almost every department, except salaries, suffering reduction. This item still stands at \$22,390 per annum. The board of health are granted an extra appropriation; the original estimate was \$16,544, which was raised to \$17,194, in consequence of several improvements necessary at the isolation hospital and in other branches of the department. The figures of the board of school trustees were cut down \$2,000 after a very vigorous kick on the part of the gentlemen in charge of public education. For streets, bridges, etc., the estimate remains as originally presented, \$47,350; but under the heading "miscellaneous" the figures were altered from \$2,550 to \$5,000. The maintenance of public institutions is naturally the largest on the list, and for this purpose \$129,531 was voted, the amount asked for being \$142,012. Under this heading there was an all-round increase sought, but the pruning knife was freely used with the result here stated. The fire department, for instance, asked that the brigade be provided with uniforms, but this the council considered unnecessary and agreed to supply the men instead with helmets. There is also an item of some \$12,000 for improvements at the city hall. In its present condition the hall is generally pronounced a disgrace to the city. The principal work is done in small apartments distributed all over the building, and so many of these are there that great inconvenience is experienced by the public having business there. The new arrangement will bring nearly all the offices together and greatly facilitate the transaction of business. The police court is also to receive a general and much needed overhauling.

In addition to the expenditure by-law, the question of appointing an independent auditor will also come up for discussion at to-night's meeting, with several other matters of importance.

At the mid-day meeting for men held by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at the Seamen's Institute, the speaker to-morrow will be Rev. J. H. Sweet. All men are cordially invited to attend, whether members or not.

THE FRENCH CRISIS.

President Fallieres Consults Politicians Regarding Formation of New Cabinet.

(Associated Press.)
Paris, March 8.—President Fallieres this morning began a series of consultations relative to the formation of a new ministry. He first conferred lengthily with M. Dubost, president of the senate, and later received M. Doumoulin, president of the chamber of deputies. No announcement has been made, but the names most mentioned are those of M. Leon Bourgeois, the former premier, Alexander Millerand, the former minister of commerce, Raymond Poincaré, former minister of public works, and Senator Clemenceau.

There is some talk also of M. Delcasse, the former foreign minister, who is supported by the Anglo-French enthusiasts, but his appointment is impossible owing to German hostility to him. M. Rouvier wants to retire from the premiership, but he may be induced to retain the portfolio of foreign affairs or that of finance under another premier.

Rentes went off 20 centimes to-day, but recovered showing that it operates upon the bourse were not seriously disturbed by the resignation of the cabinet.

Regarded as Warning.

Paris, March 8.—The country finds itself without a ministry at the culminating stage of the Moroccan crisis at Algiers.

A sentiment on the subject says: "The ministerial crisis does not affect the French policy at the conference." This is designed chiefly to warn Germany not to take advantage of the situation. The fact is that the ministerial hiatus confuses matters and threatens the agreement which otherwise might have been arrived at to-day.

The News in Rome.

Rome, March 8.—The Vatican authorities received throughout the night telegrams from France regarding the crisis, in which the Pope and Papal Secretary Merry Del Val were most interested, although it was admitted that it was difficult to establish whether the issue would be a victory for the Holy See or the inauguration of an even stronger anti-Catholic regime in France.

OVERSEER OF ZION
CITY NEEDS FUNDS

APPEALS TO RESIDENTS
FOR QUARTER OF MILLION

Says Assistance is Required to Save
the Community From the Money
Lenders.

(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Ill., March 8.—Picturing a gloomy financial situation and recognizing a crisis, Overseer Voliva called upon the residents of the Zion City last night for over \$250,000 to save the community from the money lenders, and thus to relieve the present pressure and put the industry on a paying basis. As security he promised the people first mortgages on the local factory and the printing house.

He called upon ministers to give up their salaries, he asked clerks and laborers to work for \$3.39 a week and urged the followers of Dr. Dowd to wear jewelry and gaudy clothes. "Accept in pay just enough to provide for living expenses," was his urgent request, he himself declaring he was willing to live on 25 cents a week, it possible, thus to keep soul and body together.

ALLEGED ELEVATOR TRUST.

United States Government Has Filed
Suit Against a Number of Companies.

(Associated Press.)
San Francisco, March 8.—The news of the filing of a suit by the United States government against a number of elevator companies, has caused a sensation in California and the West, this being the first legal proceeding of the kind ever instituted here. United States District Attorney Robert Devlin, who brought the suit, said: "The complaint is against the Otis Elevator Company and thirty other defendants who are alleged to be in one concern and operating contrary to the provisions of the Sherman Act. The effect of this pooling of interests is to enhance prices and restrict trade with the view of controlling all the elevator business on the Pacific coast, with the probability that this is but a branch of a gigantic trust that controls the elevator output all over the United States."

MUTINY ON STEAMER.

Fireman Killed During a Fight With
the Ship's Officers.

New York, March 8.—A mutiny, in which one life was lost, occurred to-day on board the steamer Massachusetts, which was lying at her dock in Brooklyn. James Slooff, a fireman, was killed during a revolver battle on the steamer deck in which the steamer's firemen were ranged on one side and opposing them were the ship's officers and members of the crew. The fireman who had started the trouble have been driven into submission.

FARMERS COMING FROM THE STATES

ADVANCE GUARD WILL
LEAVE ILLINOIS TO-DAY

Superintendent Speers Profoundly Im-
pressed by Magnitude of Movement
of Settlers to Canada.

(Associated Press)

Winnipeg, March 8.—"Fifty carloads of settlers will be loaded in Illinois to-morrow for shipment to Canada," said C. Leslie Speers, superintendent of immigration, last night. Mr. Speers had just returned from a trip of inspection of immigration agencies of the Dominion government in the United States and was profoundly impressed by the magnitude of the movement of American settlers to Canada this year.

"Work in Illinois," he continued, "is carried on under the supervision of the office in Chicago. Our agent in Chicago keeps in close touch with the work throughout the state, and I am informed that on Thursday morning fifty cars will be prepared in the state for shipment to the Canadian west. The farmers will begin to arrive at once, Thursday being the day for the formal inauguration of the movement from the United States. They will come in over the Soo line, by way of North Portal, and to Winnipeg over the Canadian Pacific. They will distribute themselves throughout the west over the lines of railway."

"Illinois is not an exceptional state in matter of immigration to Canada, similar conditions prevailing in Iowa, Kansas and surrounding states. Our agencies in St. Paul and Omaha give reports of a large movement to the Dominion and it can safely be said that the prospects for American immigration is never better than they are at the present time. Immigrants keep busy answering inquiries and arranging for parties which leave from Massachusetts and other New England states."

"In addition to the farmers and others seeking homesteads, many Americans will come to Canada prepared to buy land."

RAILWAY WRECK.

Three Passengers Injured in Collision
Died in Saratoga Hospital.

(Associated Press.)
Saratoga Springs, N. Y., March 8.—Three deaths have followed the wreck of the local passenger train on the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, bound from Rutland, Vt., for Troy, which, while held up by a freight wreck near the local station, was run down by the Montreal flyer south-bound last night. This morning at the Saratoga hospital, to which the more seriously injured were removed, the following list of dead and injured was given to the Associated Press: Mrs. Charles Estmond, 40 years of age, of Gansevoort; Gertrude Estmond, her daughter, aged 10 years; and Frank A. Sinduce, a travelling salesman of Buffalo.

ILLINOIS COAL OPERATORS.

Will Face Strike Rather Than Grant
Demands of Miners.

Chicago, March 7.—No concessions will be made by the Illinois Coal Operators' Association to the United Mine Workers of America. This was decided on to-day at a meeting of the association, who adopted resolutions declaring their willingness to face the threatened strike on April 1st rather than grant the demands of the miners.

The meeting was called to consider a call for a joint meeting of operators and miners at Indianapolis on March 15th to make a second attempt to formulate a new scale of wages and conditions of labor. After acceptance of an invitation to the Indianapolis meeting, the resolutions state certain demands and conclude: "Failing to secure such contract provisions at the proposed interstate meetings, we will refuse to be a party to any agreement that may be made by the convention."

SEATTLE'S NEW MAYOR.

Judge Moore, Municipal Ownership
Candidate, Has Been Elected.

Seattle, March 7.—Judge William Hickman Moore, the municipal ownership candidate for mayor, has been elected by the small majority of fifteen votes, after one of the closest fights in the history of the city. John Klingler, Republican candidate, ran far behind his ticket, the balance of which, with the exception of a councillor or two, was elected by a big majority. The leaders of the municipal ownership party charge gross fraud in several wards, and had their candidate defeated they would have contested the election. H. W. Carroll, city comptroller; George Russell, city treasurer; Scott Cathlamet, corporation counsel, all Republicans, were elected.

"The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, at their monthly meeting, yesterday, made the necessary arrangements for holding an old-time tea meeting in the church, on Tuesday evening, the 21st instant, to celebrate two very important and interesting events in the life of the church, viz., entire freedom from indebtedness and reaching a self-supporting position. An excellent programme consisting of short addresses, music and refreshments will be provided."



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DEFEAT OF THE FRENCH CABINET

PREMIER AND HIS COLLEAGUES RESIGN

Debate in the Chamber of Deputies Upon Riot During Inventory of a Church.

Paris, March 7.—Like a bolt from a clear sky, the Rouvier ministry was defeated in the chamber of deputies to-night, and immediately resigned.

The cabinet crisis comes at a most dramatic moment, when the Franco-German contest has reached a decisive stage, and may exert an important adverse influence on the Algerian conference and European affairs.

The defeat of the government came on a comparatively minor debate over the church disorders. The government was defeated by a vote of 221 to 207, while the various elements in opposition—liberals, socialists and nationalists—united and polled 267 votes, thus placing the ministry in a minority of 22.

Premier Rouvier with all of his colleagues immediately proceeded to the foreign office, where a joint letter of resignation was prepared. Later, M. Rouvier presented this letter to President Fallieres, who

Accepted the Resignations.

The president announced his intention of consulting the presidents of the senate and chamber of deputies tomorrow relative to the formation of a new cabinet.

The debate in the chamber of deputies was upon the bloody riot yesterday during the inventory of a church in the village of Boeschepe, resulting in the death of a man. Various orders severely criticised the government's course, asserting that it threatened to precipitate a religious warfare.

Premier Rouvier responded: "The government has the duty to apply the law. It will apply it without weakness, but also with prudence, tact and wisdom consistent with public tranquility. I ask the adoption of a resolution approving these declarations of the government."

The resolution was thereupon put to a vote and defeated. The result was due to a combination of opposition influences. The vote was more expressive of

Personal Antagonism to the ministry than of opposition to church inventories.

Having returned from presenting to President Fallieres the resignation of the ministry, M. Rouvier was surrounded in the lobbies of the chamber of deputies by groups of members who expressed their regret at his abandonment of office. M. Rouvier displayed not the slightest emotion. Replying to one of his followers, he remarked: "I regarded it as a point of honor to fulfill the task I had undertaken. The chamber's vote has relieved me of a burden, the weight of which had begun to make itself felt. I do not regret."

He added: "I should have received 250 votes had I declared for more vigorous action, but the sentiment of the chamber was against the cabinet remaining in office until the election, and the struggle would have begun again tomorrow. It was better to finish immediately."

The meeting of the cabinet at the foreign office lasted half an hour. After exchanging views with reference to church inventories, it was decided to

Suspend Operations

In that regard until a new cabinet has been appointed. The discussion resulted from a disparity of opinions expressed in the chamber of deputies relative to the method of carrying out

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SETTLERS FROM ONTARIO.

Three Trains Left For West on Wednesday—Aged Farmer's Story of Tragedy.

Toronto, March 7.—Three special trains were required yesterday afternoon to carry Ontario citizens who will settle in Western Canada. The total number on the train is estimated at one thousand, including men, women and children.

Church Funds.

Toronto, March 7.—The deficit of \$105,735 in Presbyterian church receipts reported a few days ago has been almost entirely made up.

Hanlan's Escape.

Toronto, March 7.—Ned Hanlan, the world renowned oarsman, had a narrow escape from death last evening. He and a friend were crossing Toronto bay on the ice from Centre Island to the foot of York street, when they struck a soft spot and went through. The bay was deserted at the time, but the champion oarsman managed to get on solid ice and saved himself and rescued his companion.

Result of Quarrel.

Bellevue, March 7.—At a corner's inquest into the death of old Mrs. Kleingebel, her husband swore that he had beaten the woman with his fists and that he would tell the truth if he had to hang for it. To County Constable Duffin, who was present, the old man, he said that he and his wife had had a quarrel over the parentage of his son Herman. This son was born while Kleingebel was a soldier in the United States army during the civil war. He had always maintained that he was not his son and on Monday last, he compelled his wife to tell him the father of the boy was—The couple had been married fifty years.

Joins Presbyterian Church.

Kingston, March 7.—Rev. D. M. St. Laurent, late pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, has applied to Kingston Presbytery to be received into church. The request has been agreed to. He is a native of Vermont and graduate of Queen's University. It is said he will go to Western Canada.

Will Establish Factory.

Winnipeg, March 7.—Ramsey Bros. & Co., Ltd., of Vancouver, have consolidated with the Imperial Syrup company of Montreal and Quebec and the new company will establish a branch factory here to supply the extensive trade in northwestern Canada.

Increased Trade.

Winnipeg, March 7.—The lumber trade of western Canada is rapidly assuming gigantic proportions. In provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan along the last fiscal year—\$79,900,180 worth of lumber was shipped from the west, compared with \$70,000,000 in 1904. An increase of nearly 10,000,000 feet over 1904. Great bulk is produced in Canada.

Mining Institute.

Quebec, March 7.—The eighth annual convention of the Canadian Mining Institute opened here this morning. A large number of members are in attendance. The convention promises to be a most interesting and important one.

Montreal's Fight.

Montreal, March 7.—Before legislative council private bills committee today, the city of Montreal put up a big fight to secure power to take over plant of the Montreal Gas Company.

The bill to secure power to take it over as a going concern, which means that the city will have to pay for the investment value of the company, instead of the actual value of its property. Another big fight was over the question of conduits. The city was given power to construct them and to charge the companies using them 7½ per cent. of the cost as an annual rental. The companies demanded compensation for the wires and poles abandoned and this it was decided the city should pay. The city representatives intend carrying the fight into the council, and there is also talk of abandoning the bill altogether.

SUFFRAGE PROPOSAL.

Austrian Government's Bill Will Probably Pass Parliament.

Vienna, March 7.—The debate on the government's general equal and direct suffrage proposal for Austria, which was introduced by Premier Baron Von Frankenthurn on February 22nd, will occur in the lower house of parliament this afternoon. It is the most important measure Austria presented to the house in the past generation. The bill at first encountered much hostility and criticism, but it has now won almost universal support, and there is every reason to suppose that it will be passed. The landed aristocracy, who lose power and prestige thereby, naturally are opposed to it, but they will not be able to materially injure the proposed law.

HARRY TENNY'S DEATH.

District Attorney Refuses to Take Action Until After Coroner's Inquest.

San Francisco, March 7.—Mrs. Israel Tennebaum, mother of Harry Tennebaum, better known as "Harry Tenny," who died as the result of his glove contest with Frankie Neil, yesterday through her attorney made a demand upon District Attorney Langdon that he issue complaints charging murder against those who were behind the fight. District Attorney Langdon refused to issue the complaints. "I will take no action in the matter," he said, "until after the coroner's inquest, which will be held on Wednesday."

NEW AMBASSADOR.

Signor Tittoni Will Represent Italy in London.

New York, March 7.—A cable dispatch to the Herald from Rome says Signor Tomas Tittoni, former Italian minister of foreign affairs, has been suddenly appointed ambassador to Great Britain in the place of Signor Alberto Pansani, who will now be placed at the disposal of the ministry.

This is the first time Signor Tittoni has been an ambassador, and his appointment, together with the recall of his predecessor, has aroused much comment in diplomatic circles.

ANDREW HAMILTON RETURNS.

Man Who Had Charge of Legislative Work for Insurance Companies. Arrives From Europe.

Albany, N. Y., March 7.—The return to his home in this city of Andrew Hamilton, who for many years has been in charge of legislative work of the large insurance companies throughout the United States, and Canada, and who since last June has been in Europe, was the chief topic of interest and conversation in the legislature and throughout the city. He spent last evening at home with his family, and one or two close friends, and had nothing to say for publication. This morning he again denied himself to newspaper men, insisting that while he would have something to say at the proper time, that time would not be today. It will probably be several days at least before he makes any statements, whatever. In appearance he seems normal, but close friends say that his health is far from being restored.

AT THE THEATRES.

Appearance of Pauline Hall and Company Last Evening Attracted Large House.

It was not an altogether captivating production of "Dorcas," that Pauline Hall and her company presented at the Victoria theatre last evening. It is now nine or ten years since the leading lady of the company was last in this city, and so good was her impression then, and so wide is her reputation on the stage that when she reappeared before Victorians yesterday evening it was to one of the best houses seen in the theatre for some time. But Pauline Hall of to-day contrasts greatly, according to critics, with the Pauline Hall of years ago, when she had youth on her side. This fact was noted by not a few in the audience, who saw her in the big cities of the East fully twenty years back. On this occasion she is surrounded by a company stamped by no special vocal talent. Pauline Hall lacks the part better than she sings it, although she still gives evidence of a once beautiful voice. She appears as a typical vaudeville artiste. Probably the greatest hit of the evening was made by John E. Young, who appeared as Lubin Mugby, whose songs were encored many times. Josephine Knapp as Dora, Lady Lambourne, fully sustained the dignity of her part and her singing in the duet, "Cheer" and "The Birds" was very pretty. Charles Fulton as Lord Beauregard exhibited a sweet, but not very strong voice.

Madame Gadski.

Madame Gadski's triumph when she opened her season early in November with a series of appearances with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, is indicated by the following excerpt from the New York Sun:

"Those who were in the house testified to their admiration of her art in no uncertain manner, and by loud and long continuing applause. A just tribute to the splendor of the freshest and most serviceable voice now to be heard in the later dramas of Wagner. This voice can be heard only in the concert room, unless one chooses to journey in the summer all the way to the Prinz Regent theatre in Munich, where it may be heard on the opera stage. In the present dearth of young and rising Wagnerian singers the journey is almost worth while."

"As for Madame Gadski, it was, as we have intimated, a joy to hear her. She was especially interesting in the music of the 'Götterdämmerung' Brunnhilde, which she has now sung here in the opera house, but with which she had a brilliant success in Munich last summer. She sang this music with brilliant, clear, vibrant voice, with enthusiasm and with understanding."

The Pringle Company.

The Pringle Stock Company will present to-night for the last time during their engagement here, the big double comedy-drama, "A Happy Fate," in one act, and "Wanted—A Wife," a laughable farce comedy in three acts.

For to-morrow evening, and Saturday matinee and night, they will present a big production of the thrilling drama of western life in early days, "Forgiven." This play is one of the strongest in the Pringle's repertoire, and never fails to please the audience wherever presented. There are twelve characters in the piece, giving each member of the company an opportunity to appear.

Miss Lansing Rowan will have the role of the gambler's wife, while Harry Fahmy will be seen as Jack Diamond, the gambler.

The engagement of the Pringle Stock Company at the Watson theatre, closes one week from Saturday.

Amateur Performance.

The production of "All the Comforts of Home," a company of local artists, next Monday and Tuesday nights, the 12th and 13th, at the Victoria theatre, under the auspices of the Jubilee hospital, will be a great success, as all the members of the company are particularly well suited to their parts, and have been carefully rehearsing for some time. The proceeds are to go to the Jubilee hospital, and that alone ought to draw a bumper house.

The juvenile lead will be played by the Hon. F. G. Hood, the character lead by C. W. Rhodes, the light comedian by H. Garnett, the dialect character (Mr. McNath and Mr. Langhorn) by Basil Prior, the eccentric comedian by G. Phillips, the character heavy by W. Pigott, the bashful young lover by A. Gore. The part of Life, the singer from the Opera Comique, which is a very funny role, will be played by the Hon. Mrs. Hood, who fully appreciates the requirements of it. The leading character lady will be portrayed by Miss D. Sehl, and her daughter, an Ingenue, by Miss E. Sehl, Miss A. McKay. Miss Bell, Miss Barry and Miss Green will also appear in the play. C. Denham will be pianist, while the piece will be produced under the direction of Irving Beers.

SEEKING PROTECTION.

Young Woman Declared Her Life Would Be Taken Unless She Assassinated Roosevelt.

New Orleans, La., March 7.—Declaring that her life would be taken unless she assassinated President Roosevelt, a young woman who gave her name as Mrs. W. L. Lewaller, of Philadelphia, applied at the



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(1) District "A." From a point designated on the plans of the said Commissioners at or near the City of Winnipeg, to a point known as Peninsula Cross near the junction point of the Fort William branch of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, a distance of about 26 miles.

(2) District "B." From a point designated on the plans of the said Commissioners, at the north end of the Kenora Bridge and Railway Company's bridge in the vicinity of the City of Quebec, to a point near La Tuque, a distance of about 120 miles.

(3) A steel viaduct about 3,000 feet long across the Saginaw Valley in said District "B." in the vicinity of the City of Quebec, the work to be performed in accordance with the General Specifications of the Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway, and the General Specifications of the Department of Railways and Canals of Canada, 1905.

Plans, profiles and specifications may be seen in the office of the Chief Engineer of the Commissioners at Ottawa, also in the office of the District Engineer at Kenora, Ontario, for the section of District "B." and for the section of District "A." in the office of the District Engineer at Quebec.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will be accepted on the printed form supplied by the Commissioners. Separate tenders for each section of the work in each District. Tenders shall not be in any way entitled to rely upon the character or any other information given by any person on behalf of the Commissioners, and before submitting a tender, the tenderer should make a careful examination of the plans, profiles, drawings and specifications, and read the form of contract, and fully inform themselves as to the quantity and quality of materials and character of workmanship required, and are understood to accept and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions contained in the form of contract, specifications, etc., annexed to the form of tender.

Each tender must be signed and sealed by all the parties to the tender and witnessed, and be accompanied by an accepted cheque or cash, in the name of the Dominion of Canada, payable to the Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway, for the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000), for District "B." and thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for steel viaduct in said District "B." Any person who has accepted shall within ten days after the acceptance thereof furnish the security required by the Commissioners for the due and faithful performance of the contract according to its terms, sign the contract, specifications and conditions required to be signed by said Commissioners; and in any case of refusal or failure on the part of the tenderer to do so, the tender shall be forfeited, and the amount of the security shall be forfeited for such refusal or failure, and all contract rights acquired by the acceptance of the tender shall be forfeited. Cheques deposited by parties whose tenders are rejected will be returned within ten days after the signing of the contract.

Attention is called to the following conditions of contract:—

"All mechanics, laborers or other persons who perform labor for the purposes of the construction of the works hereby contracted for shall be paid such wages as are generally accepted as current for competent workmen in the District in which the work is being performed, and, if there is no current rate in such District, then a fair and reasonable rate, and in the event of a dispute arising as to what is the current or a fair and reasonable rate, it shall be determined by the Commissioners, whose decision shall be final."

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KAHEN ISLAND REPORT.

The majority of the committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances of the conveyance by the McBride government of ten thousand acres of land to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company has presented its findings to the Legislature. Messrs. Garden, Young and Ross were placed upon the committee for the purpose of exonerating the Chief Commissioner and the government, and they have performed the duty assigned to them in a thorough and workmanlike manner. From the day of the first session of the court of inquiry until yesterday, when the majority report was presented to the Legislature, the attitude of the government supporters left no doubt in the minds of any person that they had determined, as far as lay in their power, to attempt the hopeless task of covering the transgressions of the ministers with a generous coating of whitewash. Whenever any evidence of a particularly scandalous character was on the point of being brought out, the member for Fernie immediately perceived that it was irrelevant, and the chairman would have ruled it out had not Dr. Young, more subtle in intelligence and less coarse in his methods than his colleagues, apprehended that to attempt to suppress evidence would be even more damaging to the government than the evidence itself. Then the Deputy Attorney-General supported the minority of the committee in their contention that the majority were exceeding their powers in their efforts to suppress testimony having a direct bearing on the transaction. So that, whatever the tenor of the report of the majority of the committee, there is the evidence itself, directly and convincingly condemnatory of the report and of the government in whose behalf it is submitted.

But the government, failing in its attempt to suppress the evidence, has recourse to a new stratagem. The minority has prepared a report, and this report it is hoped, will be prevented from reaching the Lieutenant-Governor in the regular way by ruling it out of order. This is perhaps the most extraordinary and unique point of order ever raised in any deliberative assembly. It proves how desperate the case of the ministers is, and how sincere they were when they stood in their places and announced that their hands being clean, they were burning with anxiety to have the very fullest possible investigation into the matters connected with the scandal. It is hardly probable that they will induce the speaker of the House to become a partner in their crime against the public. But even if the minority report be ruled out of order, the panicky state of mind to which the ministry has been reduced at the prospect of exposure of its methods is revealed by the desperate nature of the tactics resorted to. Discretion has been thrown to the winds. The Premier evidently fears dismissal from office, and he has taken the very course likely to bring dismissal about.

AN INDEPENDENT OPINION.

The ill-fame of the government of British Columbia has gone forth over all the land. In the United States the newspapers are commenting on the extraordinary revelations which resulted from the investigation of the Kahlen Island committee. The American press admits that it has been called upon to comment upon some extraordinary "grafting" transactions, but all in Kahlen Island deal transcends them all in notoriety. Our neighbors in the Territories, we observe have paid some attention to the subject also. The Calgary Herald, a Conservative newspaper, refers in scathing terms to the deal, and its opinion was pronounced after a perusal of only a portion of the evidence. We wonder what our contemporary will say when it hears that the majority of the committee has declared that the bare-faced transaction was carried out in the interests of the country, and that the government has decided that the minority report should not reach the eye of the Lieutenant-Governor if it can be by any trick or subterfuge prevent it.

We can only quote part of the article in question. Our opinion of the Chief Commissioner as an administrator is well known. It has been sustained by his official acts. But we have no desire to wound his tender susceptibilities unnecessarily in view of the fact that the axe is suspended over his official neck and must fall very shortly. The Herald says:

"Nothing more strikingly illustrates the menace of the lobby than the revelations of the past few days at Victoria. A legislative inquiry was forced because of the open charges that a syndicate of promoters, supported by an official coterie, had secured advance information about the location of the Grand Trunk Pacific terminus through

the negotiations of the company to purchase a site from the government.

If this scandal results in the prosecution, conviction and extermination of the daring band of vampires which has been preying so long upon the veins of the great province of British Columbia, the humiliation suffered by the country will not be wholly without compensation. This outrageous affair ought to be a lesson by which the Victoria legislators will profit, and from which other provinces will draw inspiration for a crusade against this form of dishonesty. That expensive lobbies are maintained at Ottawa to serve special interests is within the knowledge of everyone familiar with the capital. The prairie provinces must be on their guard against this same evil, for Alberta and Saskatchewan will constitute a rich field for the men and women who gamble in official secrets and bribe lawmakers. A whole-some effect would follow the conviction and imprisonment of a number of lobbyists.

ENEMIES OF CORPORATIONS!

Conrade, Hawthornthwaite, the strong shield and buckler of the McBride government, has at last made his position as a member of the House quite clear. When two corporations, such as the West Kootenay Power & Light Company and the Cascade Power Company, are fighting for legislative privileges, the champion of the toilers announces with withering scorn that in a contest between despoilers of the public his party stands in a position of perfect neutrality. Then he gives the word and the disinterested, patriotic trio march out into the lobbies, doubtless to felicitate each other on the perfectly obvious fact that they are not as other representatives. But let any corporation attempt, through the governmental medium, to despoil the people and behold with strident voice and vehement gesture the leading comrade stands forth in defence of the corporation every time, and his devoted followers march solidly behind him. They defended the Columbia & Western grab and voted for it. They will defend the Kahlen Island infamy with every zeal and attack with virulence the men who exposed the infamy. That is part of the class-conscious programme of the most extraordinary coalition ever formed. It is an illustration of the peculiar way the patriotic and virtuous comrades have of hastening the day when we shall all be class-conscious and capable of appreciating the present unmitigated beauties of the Socialist system and the eccentricities, if not the inconsistencies, of its most honorable leaders.

STILL ON STRIKE

Carpenters' Grievance Will Be Considered at Meeting of the Union To-Night.
The strike declared a few days ago at the yard of the B. C. Marine Railway Company at Esquimalt has extended to the yard of the Victoria Machinery Department. In all upwards of forty carpenters have knocked off work. It was thought the trouble would have been settled before this, but as no agreement has yet been reached, the whole matter is to be considered at a meeting of the Shipcarpenters and Caulkers' Union to-night. The exact grounds for the action of the strikers does not appear very plain. The strike was ordered, it seems, for an increase in pay from \$3.50 to \$4.00, but in the case of the B. C. Marine Railway Company the management has a letter from the union setting forth what wages the carpenters were prepared to accept before the company entered into certain contracts for new work. This the company contend, is binding on the men to accept a salary of \$3.50 a day. The dispute has been referred to the Trades and Labor Council and every effort will be made to effect a settlement as soon as possible in order that important work now in hand may be interrupted as little as possible.

HER ADMIRER SUPPRESSED.

Bass Drummer Who Wrote Letters to Edna Wallace Hopper Placed Under Bail.

Max Hildebrandt, a bass drummer of the Garrick theatre is now under \$500 bail for his good behavior in the next three months, says the New York Times of Thursday last.
Edna Wallace Hopper, the actress, caused his arrest on Wednesday evening. She charged Hildebrandt, in the Jefferson Market court, the following day with having written her many annoying letters, in at least one of which he referred to her as "Mrs. Edna Wallace Hopper Hildebrandt." These letters had been coming to her for four years, and lately going back to him.
The actress's manager, C. F. Boykin, read some of the letters in court. One of the epistles assured Miss Hopper that she would be "quite a distinct guided person" some day. Hildebrandt wrote that he was not afraid of being arrested; in fact, he had nerved himself for such a contingency by "taking a ride on the Greenpoint ferry" and taking a look at Riker's Island. That he half expected Miss Hopper might cause his arrest was evidenced from a postcard which was put in evidence. It read:

"You know how Delilah got the best of Samson. She made him shave. That's what!"

In another letter Hildebrandt, after relating an experience on a street car, wrote:

"How different actresses are off the stage."
The actress, though she had counsel in the person of Henry J. Goldsmith, conducted the case herself and personally tackled John J. Meare, who appeared for Hildebrandt. When Mr. Meare asked that his client be discharged, Miss Hopper turned on him with:

"Well, he won't be discharged," and added to Magistrate Walsh with a toss of her head, "I won't let him be discharged." She also said that if the magistrate would grant an adjournment she would produce twice as many letters which she had received, but had not brought them to court. Magistrate Walsh, however, decided to hold the man in bail for good behavior. After-

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ward Miss Hopper turned to Hildebrandt's counsel and said:
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"Certainly not," said Mr. Meare.
"Oh, very well," said Miss Hopper.
So until the bail was forthcoming Hildebrandt was put behind the bars.

PERSONAL

Richard Lamberg, business manager of the Paul Gilmore company, is a guest at the Driford. The company will produce "Captain Debonnaire" on March 15th. Mr. Gilmore is a clever young actor who is very popular in Victoria. In former appearances here, particularly in "The Munster and the Humming Bird," he scored a distinct success.
J. C. Haynes and Mrs. Haynes, of Minneapolis, are in the city on a holiday. Mr. Haynes is a close friend of Professor Conway McMillan, who is deeply interested in the botanical station on the West Coast, and who has charge of the establishment during the students' season. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes are guests at the Dominion.

John R. Rowe and Mrs. Rowe, of Cumberland, are at the Dominion. Mr. Rowe has been chief clerk for Grant & Mounce, sawmill proprietors, for the last twelve years, and is now enjoying a well-earned holiday. He intends to pay a visit to Southern California, where he expects to remain a month or six weeks.

Market Superintendent Johnson was today removed to St. Joseph's hospital, where he will undergo an operation. Mr. Johnson has been on the sick list several times of late, and his friends hope he will soon be restored to health.

Mrs. Burke, who has been staying at Cherrybank, and Mrs. Fox and daughter, left last night for California, the former on a visit to her son who has been living in San Francisco.

H. Fox, formerly of the Melrose Company, will leave to-night for Liverpool. He will travel via the Northern Pacific railway and the Canadian liner Lucania. Roland Stuart will start for England on Monday night. He will travel via the North Coast Limited and the liner Lucania, sailing on March 17th.

S. Phillips, master mechanic of the C. P. R., stationed at Revelstoke, was at the Driford yesterday. He left for home this morning.

J. A. Knox, C. P. R. timber inspector, Revelstoke, is paying a business visit to the city. He is domiciled at the Dominion.

Capt. A. F. Yates, the Nanaimo pilot, arrived here this morning. He is registered at the Dominion.
Miss Edith Martin and Miss Mabel Steadley, of Seattle, are visiting with friends in this city.

A. Macfarlane, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Dominion. He came over from the Mainland yesterday.
R. R. Weir and Mrs. C. M. Robertson and son, of Orillia, Ontario, are guests at the Dominion.
S. A. Ayres will leave for Liverpool tonight, via the Northern Pacific and the steamer Lucania.

L. Langley has left for Liverpool via the Northern Pacific railway and Carmanis.

Alex. McPherson and R. E. Jameson, of Vancouver, are guests at the Driford. F. Clark and Mrs. Clark, of Preston, Ont., are registered at the Driford.

J. G. Payne and family, of Esquimalt,

have left for England. They are crossing the continent on the North Coast Limited and will embark on the turbine steamer Carmanis.

TRIBUTE TO FOUNDER.

Local Foresters Present E. J. Salmon With Interesting Souvenir.

The last meeting of Court Northern Light, Ancient Order of Foresters, was an unusually interesting one. Not only was there a large attendance of members, but there was a big delegation representing Courts Vancouver and Victoria. Brother H. Waller, P. D. C. R., speaking on "Good of the Order," explained that they were gathered together to do honor to the founder of the order in this coast. It was in 1852 that Bro. E. J. Salmon, a past chief ranger of Court Foresters' Pride, No. 1433, London, England, joined with some kindred spirits, consisting of J. P. Plants, John Wenger, Henry Soar, H. T. Mann, Abraham Levy, Joseph Levy, Fred. Paine and E. J. Phillips in the organization of a branch. For over a third of a century Bro. E. J. Salmon had been prominently identified with the order and the speaker was pleased to announce that Court Vancouver and Court Northern Light had subscribed to a handsomely framed portrait of the brother with which he hoped the recipient would allow them to adorn the walls of their hall as a constant reminder of the early history of the order in British Columbia. The inscription on a brass plate in the frame is: "E. J. Salmon; P. D. C. R., founder of the A. O. F. in British Columbia, 1852."

In reply Bro. Salmon thanked Bro. Waller and the members for their handsome testimonial. When Bro. Hancock waited upon him and asked

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7 dozen Silk Half Hose, silk embroidered, Friday, \$1.00 pair.
6 dozen Pure Silk Half Hose for Men, silk clocked, Friday, \$1.50 pair.

Ribbons for Friday

500 yards of all Silk Taffeta Ribbons, 4 1/2 and 5 1/2 inches wide. Colors: Pink, sky, cardinal, white, helio, black, gold, cream, yellow, navy, brown, navy, mauve, rose, resida, Friday, 25c. yard.

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A new binding for dresses, a combination of velvet and braid, with cord edge, Friday, 5c. yard.

Children's Dresses and Pinafores

Children's Fancy Muslin Dresses, round yoke, edged with frill, also frill on bottom of dress, sizes 1 to 3 years, Friday, 25c.

Children's Gingham Dresses, navy and white check, collar, sleeve and bottom of dress trimmed with braid, sizes 1 to 3 years, Friday, 45c.

Children's White Muslin Pinafores, double collar, trimmed embroidery, embroidery on bottom, headed with tucks, sizes 1 to 3 years, Friday, 25c.

Children's White Pinafores, trimmed embroidery and lace, also frill on bottom, sizes 1 to 3 years, Friday, 25c.

Children's Crash Dresses, Pink, green and blue, with yoke and separate pointed collar, 2 rows of insertion on sleeves and frill, sizes 1 to 3 years, Friday, \$1.00.

Children's White Muslin Pinafores, yoke trimmed lace, insertion and medallions, also shirred and trimmed with edging, sizes 1, 2 and 3, Friday, \$1.25.

Children's Crash Dresses, yoke trimmed with stitched bands, frill headed with tucks, sizes 4, 5 and 6 years, Friday, 75c.

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Hon. W. Templeman has arranged to meet the board of trade committee at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning to hear representations regarding the various needs of the province.

To-morrow afternoon and evening the home-made candy sale will take place at the W. C. T. U. mission. Everybody should patronize home industry, and thus help the mission. All welcome.

The Refuge Home committee will hold a sale of work and home-made candy at the Home, North Pembroke street, on Tuesday, the 13th, from 2 to 6 p.m. Tea will be served during the afternoon. Friends are requested to assist.

John Bell, a former employee of the corporation, died at the Jubilee hospital this morning. Deceased was 48 years of age and a native of Scotland. The funeral will take place from Hanna's undertaking parlors to-morrow at 2 o'clock.

The annual tea in connection with the Congregational church will be held on the 21st instant. Preparations are in the hands of an energetic committee. They are arranging for supper between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock, followed by an excellent programme, including musical and instrumental selections. A pleasant time is assured those attending.

The regular monthly battalion drill of the Fifth Regiment was held last night. There was a splendid turn out, and after forming up the certificates won by the men during the instruction course were presented. Headed by the band, the regiment then paraded the streets, and was much admired.

The silver medal contest under the auspices of the Royal Templars of Temperance to be given in the Institute hall on March 15th, is an event in which considerable interest is being manifested. Besides the eloquentists who will contribute to the programme there will be musical numbers by Miss Scofield, Mr. Christopher, Mr. Jesse Longfield and others.

The following donations are thankfully acknowledged at the Aged Woman's Home for February: Mrs. Van Tassel, apples and eggs; Mrs. Randels, reading matter; Mrs. McBride, reading matter; Mrs. Goodacre, curtains and rods; Mrs. J. D. Ried (Metchoin) shawl; Mrs. Young, feather bed; Mrs. R. T. Williams, reading matter; A Friend, expressage; Hiram Walker & Sons, \$10.

In the County court this morning, before Judge Lampman, in the case of Maher vs. Douglas, an injunction was sought and granted to prevent the building of a fence on the Douglas property. Out of this case arose the assault proceedings ventilated in the police court yesterday, in which a workman named Hollis is alleged to have assaulted Maher. Hollis was returned for trial, and was to-day committed to bail, security being fixed at \$500.

Last evening the members of the Provincial Government entertained their supporters at the Union club. A dinner was served there, being included among the guests Rufus Pope, M. P., Thornton Fell, Clerk of the House, and Col. Wolfenden, King's Printer. Speeches were delivered with songs interspersed. "For he's a jolly good fellow" playing a very large part in the incident. The speech of Rufus Pope was pronounced by all to have been the gem of the evening and kept the company in roars of laughter.

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Don't forget the production of "All the Comforts of Home" by local talent at Victoria theatre, the 12th and 13th nights of March.

An insane woman who forced her way into St. Ann's convent yesterday afternoon was removed by the police, and will be sent over to New Westminster lunatic asylum to-morrow. In her demented state the poor woman offered every resistance, and it was found necessary to handcuff her and strap her down in the patrol wagon before she could be removed to police headquarters. She has been an inmate of the asylum on previous occasions.

There is an exhibition at the bar of the Dominion hotel a peculiar looking reptile, about three inches in length, which passed through the faucet as part of the city water supply. The little ex-tenant of Elk lake is a very lively representative of his peculiar species, and guessing is rife as to its family connection. The head is small, the body oval in shape, and the color a light brown. Customers are not taking water in their whiskey at the bar these days.

George Winters, coachman in the employ of Judge Irving, performed a very heroic act yesterday. Little Miss Irving was seated in a trap opposite the Cook street residence, when the horse took fright and bounded away at a furious rate. Winters mounted another horse and galloped in pursuit of the runaway, which he overtook as it was heading down town, and brought the animal to a standstill. No serious damage was done, but the consequences might have been serious were it not for the prompt action of the coachman.

Two incorrigible vagrants were before Police Magistrate Hall this morning. Edward Scott had 18 previous convictions against him, and was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, and his friend, James Lewis, who had 10 records scored to his discredit, was sent up for three months. The police class both men among the incorrigibles, and are glad to get rid of them if only for a season. On many previous occasions when found without any visible means of support, Scott and Lewis skipped out of town for a brief term, but have never displayed any inclination for honest work.

The pastors of the various churches in the city are requested not to forget Bible Sunday. The annual meeting of the organization will be held in the Centennial Methodist church, next Thursday evening, the 15th instant, at 8 o'clock, when addresses will be delivered by His Lordship Bishop Perrin, Rev. T. W. Galdstone, Rev. J. Thompson and others. There will be special music for the occasion; the annual report will be read and the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. It is requested that financial returns be in the hands of the treasurer not later than the 14th instant.

At the meeting at Royal Oak last evening T. A. Brydon was selected to act as reeve for the newly created municipality of Saanich. The choice was unanimous, so that the district will not be put to the expense of an election. The council will thus be composed as follows: T. A. Brydon, reeve; councillors, F. Quick, Royal Oak; W. C. Grant and George Deane, Cedar Hill; J. Dunn, Boleskine, road; and T. S. Puckle, Saanich. In selecting a reeve the new municipality are happy in their choice, for in addition to his personal popularity, Mr. Brydon is a gentleman of great experience in municipal matters.

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SAW LAST OF THE VALENCIA WRECK

DETAILS OF DISASTER
BY EYE WITNESSES

Messrs. Logan and Daykin Gave Evidence Before Commission This Morning—A Declaration.

The final session of the commission appointed to inquire into the Valencia wreck was held this morning. Two witnesses were examined, namely, Jas. Logan and Philip Daykin, the only eye-witnesses of the breaking up of the hull and the drowning of approximately eighty human beings. They gave a clear account and both expressed the opinion that a good boat with a selected crew could have reached the steamer on Wednesday morning. After their evidence J. H. Lawson, Jr., representing the P. C. S. S. Co., submitted an interesting declaration from the captain of the steamer Tellus.

James Logan, telegraph line repairer upon the west coast, was the first witness examined. He said he had been a resident of that part of Vancouver Island for many years. Questioned by Commissioner Gaudin, Mr. Logan stated that the Queen City passed Clatsop about 1 o'clock upon the 3rd of January. Later on that day he received a message over the wire from Bunker. The latter said there had been a shipwreck and gave the name of the steamer, but he couldn't catch it. He sent the news by way of Cape Beale and then started out for the scene of the disaster. On the way they called at Shelter Bluff, to see if the wreck was lying upon that point and while there saw the steamers belonging to the rescue fleet. The Queen City, as far as he could see, came in closer than any of the others. Going back to the main trail they continued on their way until coming to the bluff off which the stranded vessel lay. She was just about 100 feet off shore and people were clinging to the rigging and the portions of the hull not submerged in the water.

Answering Commissioner Gaudin, witness said that when the steamer Queen City called at Clatsop there was quite a sea. So rough was it that one of the Indian canoes had been swamped and the occupants saved only through the bravery of their comrades. When arising at the wreck he went on about three-quarters of a mile in order to reach the beach in front of the sunken ship. When arriving there he found that all the steamers had gone. The weather wasn't clear at that time, but he wouldn't say that it was thick. He

Could See a Life Raft
far out in a southwesterly direction. It was about a mile and a half away. In his opinion it would have been possible for a good life boat to have got alongside the vessel safely on that occasion. He had some experience in surf navigation, principally with the Indians along the west coast. Although acknowledging that the mast and a part of the upper works carried away that morning, witness contended that a craft could have approached the unfortunate ship. He claimed that a craft could have approached by taking advantage of the shelter of one of the points enclosing the Bluff of that name. No doubt from seaward it would appear that the sea was breaking heavily all around the hulk. It would have been impossible to make a landing, but such a thing would have been unnecessary in getting to the shipwreck. It was true that a Columbia river boat had been left at Clatsop by the Queen City. That craft might have been useful, but he never gave it a thought, knowing that the Salvor had been dispatched to rescue.

In reply to questions by Commissioner Gaudin witness said that the wreck went to pieces as near as he could judge between 12 and 1 o'clock. Previous to that he counted as many as 20 people on the east side of the mast. There were fully as many on the other and he estimated that there were as many as eighty people aboard at the time the vessel broke up. She had been crushed by a wave of particularly large dimensions, which seemed to come up afterwards and he saw a number of brass pieces of wreckage and crept outside the line of breakers to the westward. We never saw more of them. He picked up a piece of the rope shot ashore. It was in good condition. The life belts he found were made of compressed cork in most instances.

To C. H. Lugin, counsel for the Dominion government, witness told of the poor condition of the trail. There were many times that at Clatsop it would be impossible for a small boat to get away. But he thought that point would be as good as any for the establishment of a lifeboat station. Questioned by Capt. Newcomb, Mr. Logan stated that the trail along the coast

Might Be Improved
to such an extent that it would be possible to transport life saving appliances from one point to another without much difficulty. Of course it would be an expensive undertaking. "Point mind that," returned Capt. Newcomb, "we want to find out what is necessary to improve the present conditions with regard to life saving on the coast regardless of expense."

Witness, continuing, said that, in his opinion, it would be a good idea to "point mind that," returned Capt. Newcomb, "we want to find out what is necessary to improve the present conditions with regard to life saving on the coast regardless of expense."

Answering A. E. McPhillips, representing the provincial government, witness said that at low tide there was a narrow margin of water between the wreck and the uncovered beach. The rope he found was in first class shape, and, probably, had been broken by the wreckage. He did not notice any attempt on the part of the passengers to work out any plan of rescue for themselves. He did not think there was any possible scheme they could have adopted to help themselves out of their

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unfortunate position had they thought everything depended upon themselves. "Then you think they were over-influenced by the fact that vessels were seen in the offing," remarked Mr. McPhillips.

To this Mr. J. H. Lawson, Jr., counsel for the P. C. S. S. Co., took exception. Mr. Logan went on to say that he worked for 24 days or thereabouts patrolling the beach. Some days after the disaster he received instructions from Capt. Gaudin and an official of the P. C. S. S. Co.

"You were working under instructions of the Dominion government and the company?" queried counsel. "This witness acknowledged. "So far you have received no remuneration?" again asked Mr. McPhillips. Witness acquiesced. "You intend to claim some," suggested counsel.

Against such a question Mr. Lugin protested vigorously. He did not see that it was at all relevant to the inquiry. Witness indignantly interjected a remark at this juncture that it was not a question of finances, and that under ordinary circumstances he could not have been hired to take charge of dead bodies.

To Mr. Lawson witness said that there might have been a bigger swell on Wednesday, but the sea was heavier on Tuesday. The former was better for a small craft. It would have been possible for a

Boat With a Picked Crew
to have approached the wreck on Wednesday. The capsizing of a canoe at Clatsop which he had mentioned was a most unusual occurrence. The Indians were most skillful in handling their boats, and only a heavy sea could have brought about such an accident.

Philip Daykin, assistant lighthouse-keeper at Carmanah, told much the same story as the previous witness. He said the vessel was lying about 200 feet from the shore. She broke to pieces between 12 and 1 o'clock on Wednesday. He believed that it would have been possible for the boat at Clatsop to have left on Tuesday for the scene of the wreck. It would have been an easier method than by walking over the trail. With a proper crew it would have been a simple matter. By a "proper crew" he meant one that knew their business in the surf. In his opinion had such a boat reached the scene it might have gone alongside the boat and rendered material assistance. It would have been a great risk to those in the boat, but in such a case of "life and death" the chances would have been taken had the means been available. The trail from Carmanah to Cape Beale was "pretty hard to find" in some cases. He didn't think it would be practicable to put in a road over which a pack mule could be driven. Such a thing would be possible, but it would necessitate corduroying the whole distance. He saw the wreck break to pieces, and saw many

strike out for the bluff. But none made much headway, being

Killed by the Wreckage
before reaching the land.

To Mr. Lugin witness said he was employed for four days carrying bodies from the shore and burying them. Until the expiration of that period there was no police constable on the ground.

Answering Mr. McPhillips witness said it might have been possible for Mr. Logan and he to have rendered some assistance had they arrived at the wreck at low tide.

Questioned by Mr. Lawson, witness expressed the opinion that he would have been unable for a boat such as an ordinary ship is equipped with and a poorly selected crew to have attempted a rescue on Wednesday.

This concluded the evidence. Mr. Lawson, on behalf of the P. C. S. S. Co., submitted a declaration from Capt. Arne Arntzen, of the steamer Tellus, which left San Francisco shortly after the steamer Valencia bound for Union Bay. He states: "We left San Francisco on the 20th of January. Passed Cape Blanco on the 21st and on the 23rd got sight of Umattila light ship. According to our soundings and bearing off Umattila light I found we were twenty miles ahead of our dead reckoning from Cape Blanco, a distance of 320 miles. From Cape Blanco to Cape Flattery wind was between south, southwest and south, southeasterly; gale with thick foggy weather and a heavy sea. In case captain saw nothing after leaving San Francisco I think it quite possible to be fifty miles ahead of your dead reckoning, especially after a southeasterly gale. This would be on the trip from San Francisco to Cape Flattery."

This concluded the proceedings, and the board of inquiry is now prepared to submit a complete report of the circumstances of the wreck, and the best means of providing against a recurrence of such a catastrophe.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

(Continued from page 3.)

want to have all the advantages of a private act of incorporation and to accept none of the disadvantages.

W. G. Cameron pointed out that there were difficulties in connection with being incorporated under the General Municipal Act. An amendment could be introduced into a municipal act by a member of the House which affected disastrously a large number of municipalities.

The amendment was ruled out of order.

Dr. Young took exception to the proposal to license all workers engaged in putting in electric lines. He contended that this would work a hardship. It would mean that a man who might be obliged to be taken over from Victoria would have to pass an examination. He thought this was imposing too many restrictions upon workers.

Mr. Paterson also objected to this, and contended that it was out of order.

The section was ruled out of order.

Mr. Garden moved to add to section 45, the following sub-section (46a):

"For the installation of connections from the main sewers of the street lines, and for the charging of all persons owning or occupying property to be benefited thereby with the cost thereof on connection being made with said sewers, and for regulating the time and times and manner in which the same is to be paid, and for providing for the recovery thereof from the owner or occupier in the same manner and under the same regulations as in the case of overhead taxes."

Again objections were raised that the rules had not been complied with.

Mr. Garden took exception to what appeared to be an attempt on the part of members of the private bills committee to discriminate against the city of Vancouver.

Dr. Young on a point of order objected to such an insinuation. He said he as a member of the private bills committee did not care for Vancouver either one way or another. The private bills committee had earnestly endeavored to do its duty and see that the rules of the House were carried out. He appreciated the services of Mr. Paterson in this.

Mr. Paterson took similar ground, and he thought the House would be doing a good thing in teaching Vancouver the rules of the House must be nearly complied with at least.

The amendment was declared out of order.

Mr. Garden moved to add a section allowing the city council to guarantee the bonds of the city hospital.

Mr. Paterson took the same objection. He held that this interfered with private rights and no notice had been given.

Mr. Bowser pointed out that this was a necessary amendment as by the new hospital act, introduced money would be required. Notice could not be given as the Hospital Act was not introduced until this session.

Mr. Paterson pointed out that this gave the city council power to borrow money for all time.

It was agreed to amend this so as to cover this one case of the money required for the hospital now to be built.

Mr. Bowser moved that sub-section (4) of chapter 62 of the acts of 1903-04, being "An Act to amend the Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900," is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:

"Section 70 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sub-section (f):

"(f) All that part of section 31 of the Land Registry Act, after the word 'conducted,' in the ninth line thereof, and section 32, shall not apply to any tax sale to be held, or that has heretofore been held, of lands for overdue taxes in the city of Vancouver."

Mr. Bowser said this was necessary in order to conform with the new Land Act.

The amendment passed.

The committee rose and reported progress.

False Creek Foreshore.

The bill to amend the False Creek Foreshore Act was committed with J. D. McNeven in the chair.

The bill was reported complete.

The report was adopted and the bill passed its third reading and the bill passed of members of the private bills committee, who showed their appreciation of Vancouver city submitting to a bill as reported by the committee.

Plate Glass Insurance.

The bill to incorporate the Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada passed its second reading, and was committed with C. Munro in the chair.

A. H. B. Macgowan moved to add a new clause: "The company may from time to time apply in any other province, place or country for a licence or other authority to carry on business therein."

Dr. Young pointed out that the private bills committee had struck out a similar section to this in all the bills which came before it this year. This was in consequence of the action of the minister of justice in declaring similar sections out of order on bills passed last year.

Mr. Macgowan said he would not press the amendment.

The bill was reported complete.

Reported Complete.

By message of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor a bill to amend chapter 34 of the statutes of 1902 was introduced. The bill was read a first time.

The chief commissioner said that this bill was simply to correct the map of

the grant of foreshore made to the city of Nelson in 1902.

The bill passed its second reading and was committed with Dr. Young in the chair.

The committee rose and reported the bill complete.

The Power Fight.

On continuing the debate on the second reading of the bill to amend the West Kootenay Power Company Act of incorporation Dr. Young said that the private bills committee had had a difficulty to overcome. It was recognized that the bill was necessary to pass in order to give power to the Boundary country. The Cascade Company, however, he thought should be given protection of some kind.

The Cascade Company had fallen down in its supply of power for a few days. The company had invested half a million dollars. If this bill went through this investment would be wiped out. This would have a bad effect upon the credit of this country on the English money market. The Cascade Company was an English investment which had come in under the impression that it was to be protected in its investment.

He did not intend to oppose the second reading on the understanding that an amendment might be brought in to committee.

J. R. Brown took exception to the remark that there was a vested interest concerned. He saw a great difficulty in settling the matter along the lines he proposed.

Premier McBride said that from what he could understand there was more power required in the Boundary country. The question for the legislature was, what could be done to protect the investment made in the country. It had given him a great

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deal of thought. He hoped that the committee would decide in the way of doing justice to all and seeing that the interests of the province were not sacrificed.

W. Ross said that he favored the bill in so far as it looked to the providing of cheaper and unlimited power to the Boundary country. If this bill would have the effect of upsetting vested rights he was opposed to it.

The West Kootenay and Cascade companies were incorporated in the same year with an area limited to each. The smelting companies in the Boundary had already entered into contracts with the West Kootenay company for the supply of power. The West Kootenay company had been for years monopolists in the worst sense of the word. The company had secured records at the Upper and Lower Bonington falls in 1897. The company did nothing at the upper falls. In 1902 the company had by order in council increased its record and the province had lost \$12,000 by the deal. The West Kootenay company prevented the city of Nelson from getting a mill site by locating a mineral claim. The company also prevented the city of Nelson from getting a record. The company had records for 162,000 inches of water, while the city only had 51,000 inches. The company owned the land along both sides of the river and controlled the situation.

The company had formed a subsidizing company under the Water Clauses Act, and put in lines to Greenwood and other points.

If this bill passed the Cascade would have no redress in the courts against the action of this subsidizing company. He did not wish to do anything to interfere with the development of the Boundary country, but if anything could be done to protect the Cascade company's investment it should be done.

The Cascade company had failed to supply power at one time by the freezing of the water in the river. This had also occurred at Niagara Falls at one time. It was probable that this would not occur again.

The private bills committee called an expert who had said that a proposal of the Cascade company in furnishing power was practicable though not desirable from the West Kootenay standpoint. This bill would result in the dumping of power into the Boundary country.

W. C. Wells wanted an explanation of the bill.

Dr. Young said that the bill was simply to correct the map of

the report be adopted it was perfectly competent to move an amendment. This was borne out by the practice in the House of Commons of Canada and by May. He showed that a minority report was attached as an appendix. This was done continuously. This was done by the consent of the House.

He said that his motion was to recommend with a direction to the committee to append the minority report as an appendix.

The speaker held this would apply to a report being brought up for adoption. The report was now up to be received.

Mr. Macdonald referred to authorities which went further than this view. The general rule was that an amendment could be moved to a motion against it the rule was to be observed.

Mr. Bowser held that the majority decision of a committee ruled. After a report had been adopted it could not be altered. No amendment could be moved until the report came up for adoption. But then the rule that a minority report could not be received would preclude its being received. The committee having presented its report the committee had no power.

Mr. Macdonald said that according to the position taken by Mr. Bowser a committee having once reported a report could not be recommitted. This was absolutely contrary to the practice. The whole question was whether a minority report could be presented. There was nothing to show that this was an exceptional case in which an amendment could not be moved.

Mr. Bowser said that May required that the report having been presented the committee was relieved of its duties, and could not sit again unless revived by resolution.

John Oliver said it was a question whether the report was made until it was received by the House. The committee was not relieved of its functions until the report was received. He pointed out that according to May the House could issue mandatory instructions to the committee.

Mr. Bowser said it then became a question if Mr. Oliver were correct whether a minority report could be received. He argued that only majority reports could be admitted.

After some further discussion of the subject the speaker said he would reserve his decision on the point.

The House then adjourned until

Sporting News

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

TO COMMENCE PRACTICE

Members of the Victoria United team will begin practice in the course of a few days in order to get in shape for the final match of the Vancouver Island League series which will take place with Lady Smith in the near future. So far the Victoria United players have maintained their premier place without a reverse and they are confident of adding another victory to their already splendid record. If successful in the contest with Lady Smith the locals must prepare for a struggle with the Mainland champions. This will decide the question of superiority between the track island and Mainland teams, besides settling which is entitled to hold the British Columbia pennant.

INTERMEDIATE MATCH

It has been decided that the Central shall play Lady Smith in the first game of the intermediate series on the latter team's grounds on Saturday, the 15th inst. The outcome of this contest and the return game, which will take place in this city some weeks later, will decide the question of the intermediate Vancouver Island championship. The winning eleven will meet the first Mainland team in a struggle for the British Columbia championship.

HOCKEY

FINAL GAME

The match scheduled to be played at Oak Bay on Saturday between the Victoria and Vancouver teams will be the last of the British Columbia series. The efforts of the locals up to the present have not been crowned with success but it is their intention to turn the tables in the forthcoming contest if possible. They will line up with their full strength and feel confident of giving the visiting eleven a faster game than, perhaps, they bargained for. The grounds are in excellent shape and a splendid exhibition is promised.

BASKETBALL

GAME ON SATURDAY

On Saturday evening an exhibition match will be played between the Fifth Regiment and V. M. C. A. teams. So far the latter five has not been beaten, having won the local championship without a reverse, besides capturing the laurels in a number of friendly contests. The militia have the same record and may be depended upon to make a strenuous effort to retain their reputation. An excellent musical programme will be rendered by the regiment band in connection with the match.

THE RING

AMATEUR BOUTS

A Buffalo dispatch dated yesterday says: Dave Barry, of Toronto, won the 10-pound class in the amateur boxing tournament in the Genesee Athletic Club to-night. Barry got the decision over Jack Klen at the end of four rounds and stopped Blake Smith in two rounds.

"THE CRIMSON BLIND"

The continuation of the serial story, "The Crimson Blind," will appear in tomorrow's issue of the Times.

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Shawnigan Lake	10.30	10.40	Shawnigan Lake	4.40
Duncan	11.00	10.50	Duncan	5.00
Chemahmus	11.30	9.30	Chemahmus	5.30
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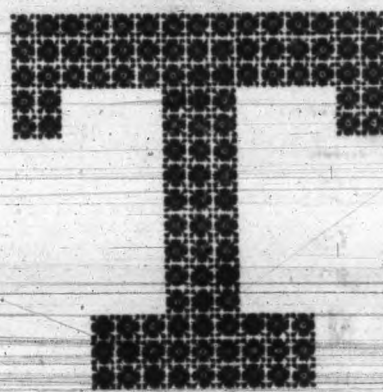
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